including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health awareness about diabetes.

Integrated National Drug Policy

† 2161. SHRI B ALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are spending only one per cent of total budget on health services;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to spend ten per cent of the budget on health services;

(c) whether various organizations of doctors have urged the Government to formulate perspective integrated National Drug Policy so as to ensure safe as well as cheap medicines to patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Central Government has been spending about 1.3% of the total budget on health care services. The Central Government has been making every efforts to increase its contribution to the public health expenditure. The resources lor public investment in health sector are also being augmented by securing assistance from various bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies for implementation of various disease control programmes. Health infrastructure in certain States has also been upgraded with World Bank assistance.

The draft National Health Policy, 2001 envisages increasing the Central and State Governments' contribution from the existing 15 percent and 5.5 percent to 25 per cent and 8 per cent respectively of the total spending in the health sector by 2010.

(c) and (d) The main objectives of the present Drug Policy, as modified in September, 1994, *inter-alia,* include ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices of essential and life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality.

Review of PHCs

2162. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the Primary Health Centres recently in the country in order to achieve the goal of health for all;

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